MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know what action has been taken on the representations made by the merchants?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*). So far, relief has been granted in one direction. The two days have been declared by Government to be two clear days exclusive of intervening holidays. The question of extension to seven days as in Alleppey has been ordered by Government to lie over.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): What prevents uniform conditions being maintained in both places?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): Nothing. But Government thought that it would be better to take up the question of revision after some time.

Railway Station at Edava or Venkulam.

149 * MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) what the total estimate for the proposed railway station at Edava or Venkulam is; and

(*b*) at what stage that proposal now is?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) & (*b*) The estimate has not yet been made final and is still under consideration

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know when the estimate was prepared first by the Railwsy expert?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In April 1935.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know why there is so much delay in this matter?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The first report was examined by the Chief Engineer who found that there were some defects in it. It was therefore returned for correction and the second report that has now been received is being examined,

Admission of non-caste Hindu students in the Girls' Middle School at Thekketheruvu.

150 * MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any restriction in the matter of admitting girl students of non-caste Hindu communities, Christians and Muslims, in the Girls' Middle School at Thekketheruvu inside the Fort;

(*b*) whether they are aware of admission being refused to students of communities other than caste Hindus: and

(*c*) the reasons for refusing admission to such communities?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) & (*b*). Yes.

(*c*) It is at present regarded as a special school for caste Hindus.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is any other girls' school in the State where such distinction is maintained in regard to admission of pupils?

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